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LB 825, 1021, 1234

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. A hearing notice from Health and Human Services. Amendments: Senator Price to LB 825; Senator Beutler to LB 1234. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 1544.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, the next bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1021, introduced by Senator Chambers. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 6 of this year, referred to the Government Committee for public hearing. Bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on LB 1021.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm going to try to lay out a very broad, loose framework within which I think the discussion ought to take place. There is going to be an amendment offered by Senators Wickersham, Schimek and others which would replace the committee amendments which would replace the green copy. The amendment that I touched on will not be the final form of the bill, I'm sure, because there are some words and phrases in it which I think require additional clarification. This is a bill which I would not describe as controversial. I would describe it as one which has attracted considerable interest because of the subject matter that will be addressed. I hope that anybody who has an amendment, an idea or thought which he or she feels ought to be placed in the mix will do so. I do not offer bills with the intention of pulling a fast one on anybody. I do not want this bill to become a trap for the unwary, nor an undue burden for those people who are trying to do that which the public has a right to see public officials undertake to do. I am not offended by any amendment that is offered or any number of amendments. This bill does not belong to me. I introduced it, but it transcends any individual in this body. It transcends any lobbyist or group of lobbyists. It transcends any big shot who wants to give trips and other large gifts and beneficence. That's just something I thought I'd throw in. (Laugh) I think it's going to be necessary for us to discuss this bill at length